and creation of a nodal cell to co-ordinate and review the progress of energy conservation activities.

(c) The suggestions given to the Ministries, relate to laying down targets for energy consumption, conducting energy audits, organising training programmes and seminars, publishing case studies on successfully implemented energy conservation measures and preparing specific action plans for energy conservation in the public sector units under their control.

Oil Drilling Work in Vietnam by ONGC

4496. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be please to state:

(a) whether Government have intensified their overseas oil drilling programme;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by ONGC in that direction;

(c) whether it is a fact that ONGC proposes to undertake oil drilling work in Vietnam; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) to (d) Proposals for overseas exploration are examined by the Government and ONGC after taking into account all relevant factors includng the prospectivity of the areas available for exploration and availability of resources.

Hydrocarbons India Limited (HIL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Oil and Natural Gas Commission would undertake drilling in Vietnam as a part of its operations under the production sharing contract with Petrovietnam.

According to the contract, the entire exploration risk will be taken by HIL. If commercial quantities of petroleum are not discovered, HIL will have the right to terminate the contract. The exploration is to be carried out in an offshore area covering approximately 14,200 sq. kms.

If commercial quantites of oil are discovered, it would be shared between HIL & Petrovietnam according to a sliding scale based on volumes of production. HIL would also be entitled to recover its costs. The entire production and development of the discovery would be carried out by HIL. The duration of the contract is 25 years.

It is expected that during the first phase of four years an investment of the order of US $ 21.5 million would be required.

Gap between the Demand and Supply of Electricity

4497. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the gap between the demand and supply of electricity in the country as on the 30th June, 1988, regionwise; and